



## Lee William Ousley

March 3, 1935 - January 16, 2017

Lee William Ousley was born March 3, 1935 in Flat, Missouri and was raised by Leona Ruth Blue in Newburg. When Lee was three years of age, Leona married William Everett Ousley and shortly thereafter moved to California. Years later they returned to Missouri and bought a farm in Dixon.

Lee attended Dixon and Alton High School with his best friends, Bill Jennings and Dustin Shelton and they graduated in 1953. Working his way through life, Lee and Bill were employed at Chrysler Motor Company in Detroit. That is where he met his first wife, Barbara Ann Bussard.

Lee entered the United States Air Force and scored so highly, he had many choices, deciding to become a nuclear weapons technician which was the most logical and challenging option as this was just prior to the Cold War. He was stationed in Morocco, North Africa at a somewhat non-existent base.

Lee's love of photography began in North Africa and continued throughout his life, taking professional classes and joining groups. He shot wildlife (with fear), flowers, family, and of course motorsports.

Returning stateside, he and Barbara moved to California and fathered his first daughter Cheryl. Missouri lured him back to Dixon upon his discharge where he worked and attended Missouri School of Mines in Rolla at night. He completed his Electrical Engineering Degree after adding another daughter, Rebecca and finally his last child Todd, both born in Waynesville, Missouri.

General Motors employed Lee in Dayton, Ohio at the Delco Products Division where he excelled and became a lead engineer on several projects, sometimes leading teams of 20 to 30 other engineers.

While raising a family of five and working 2nd and 3rd shift worked, Lee attended Xavier

University at night in Cincinnati, Ohio where he earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

The family quickly moved to Florida in the fall of 1972 when Lee accepted the position of engineering manager for Joseph Schilitz Brewing Company. He was tasked with designing, layout, and machinery specification and construction oversight of their new container division. By this time, he had top tier acuity for process manufacturing.

While in Florida, he owned and operated a Goodyear franchise, started his own A/C and Roofing companies assisted by his good friend, Kenny Sommers.

He served on the Florida Public Service Administration with Regulatory oversight over telephone and utility companies. He served on the Temple Terrace Chamber of Commerce, County License Review Board and Hillsborough United Methodist Church construction and investment committee.

He married Carletta Molter in 1991 and returned to Missouri with her to begin contracting and construction projects with his brother Bill Ousley and assisting on various endeavors in the Waynesville and surrounding areas including Fort Leonard Wood.

He served this community as a Committee Member of Waynesville United Methodist Church, Credit Union Board Member, Chairman of the Pulaski County Sewer Board; Service Corps of Retired Executives-helping people turn dreams and ambitions into businesses in the community. Lee mentored and befriends local folks who wanted to improve their business and lives.

Perhaps what he found most rewarding was his 11+ years as faculty for Webster University's business administration graduate program where he taught undergraduate strategies in business on through the MBA capstone classes for over 11 years.

He had a passion for automobiles that stop quickly, throw you against the doors violently while turning and flatten your boot whilst accelerating.

Through the years, he belonged to Tri-city Corvette Club, MacDill Sports Car Club, University of South Florida Sports Car Club, Sports Car Club of America, National Council of Corvette Clubs, Cave State Cruisers and a few more. Lee even founded his own organization, C.A.T., the Corvette Association of Tampa which focused only on competition, which was his forte. He was a top shelf dominant competitor who proved both engineering skill with his machines and raw talent with aggression behind the wheel

forged the original intimidator long before that Dale somebody.

Lee was "The Man" everywhere he worked and played.

Lee passed away Monday, January 16, 2017 in the Barnes Jewish Hospital of St. Louis, Missouri having attained the age of 81 years.

Lee is survived by his wife, Carletta Ousley of the home; three children: Todd William Ousley, Jesse Romano and Suzanne Bagg, all of Riverview, FL; six grandchildren: Heather Courtier, Adam Freed, Nicole Lundgren, Nigel Pitman, Eleonore Polidori and Nicholas Della Sala; two great grandchildren: Ronan and Mila; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 20, 2017 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Pastor Patrick Moore officiating. Soloist Becky Lercher sang "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Amazing Grace". Serving as escorts were Ken Summers, Raymond Rivard, Tom Elliott, Tom McGee, Thamer Main and Todd Ousley. Serving as honorary escorts were Jim Godfrey, Danile Fletcher and Luke Main.

Burial with military honors followed in the Roach Cemetery of Doolittle, Missouri. Military honors were provided by the Missouri Honors Team.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Lee Ousley and may be left at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Events

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**Roach Cemetery**

Newburg, MO,

**JAN  
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**Visitation**

12:30PM - 02:00PM

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Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert  
202 Historic 66 W., Waynesville, MO, US, 65583

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**Service**

02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Love to you, Carletta. Stay strong.

**Luge Hardman** - January 20, 2017 at 07:57 AM

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“ Pam And David Johnson lit a candle in memory of Lee William Ousley



**Pam and David Johnson** - January 19, 2017 at 11:08 PM

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“ Leslie Bull lit a candle in memory of Lee William Ousley



**Leslie Bull** - January 19, 2017 at 05:32 PM

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“ Arlene Carter lit a candle in memory of Lee William Ousley



**Arlene Carter** - January 19, 2017 at 04:57 PM



“ Carletta Ousley, our deepest Condolences in your time of sorrow. This is your season, to mourn, to reflect, and reset your life, God set time for favor, and for you, it is your time to receive it. God has you in his hands, and will never let you go. All our prayers and love



“ Lee was such a special man whom I admire very much. He was intelligent, wise, and personable. I was blessed to have gotten more acquainted with him in his later years while caring for his Aunt Hope, my grandmother. I only regret not spending more time with this amazing man. I will never forget the stories he shared with me about Great-Grandma and Grandpa, Perry and Amanda. I was especially moved that he once called me to share a special story of how my Grandfather, John Bill Mitchell, pulled him over to arrange an introduction with my Grandma, Hope Blue's, parents. It was a sweet thing that he was compelled to share such an important and special memory that may have died with him if he hadn't called me up that day. I will miss him and feel that I've lost my only connection to my Grandma's family. Oh, that I had spent more time on important things rather than allowing daily duties to swallow up my life. I'm so sorry for those who were blessed to be close to him because I know that there will be a void that no one else could fill. Praying you find comfort in Christ and that Lee is no longer suffering.

Love,

Mirinda (Mitchell) Decker

Mirinda Decker - January 19, 2017 at 09:46 AM

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“ Dear Carletta, Just want you to know you and your loving family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. So glad I got to meet Lee a few times and enjoyed those encounters when your were out with your pooch for a little drive and walk. Sincerely, Janis Thompson



Janis Thompson - January 18, 2017 at 06:47 PM

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“ MEMORY:: When I was about seven years old, Lee would have been about thirteen. One day, while visiting my Aunt Leona and Uncle Everett, I went out to the barn where Lee was milking the cow. I watched from the doorway as he squirted the barn cats in the face. They loved it as they licked their faces and the ground below. As I was laughing at those silly cats, Lee squirted me smack in the face. I didn't laugh as I

wiped my face dry. Now I laugh at the memory. Never would have thought he could squirt the milk that far !

June Kerner Nix (first cousin, daughter of Leona's sister Dorothy Blue Kerner Coleman)

**June Nix** - January 18, 2017 at 04:16 PM

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“ Carletta, may our Lord bless and comfort you and family members during this time of grief. It meant more to me than I can express that you and Lee would take time to visit my mom. I know she thought a lot of both of you and she cherished those visits. And I am thankful for the short visit we had last Thanksgiving. We offer our most heartfelt condolences. Don and Susan Bowman.

**Don Bowman** - January 18, 2017 at 01:36 PM

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“ Cheryl Dalgetty lit a candle in memory of Lee William Ousley



**Cheryl Dalgetty** - January 18, 2017 at 12:09 PM

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“ I loved Lee's sense of humor and enjoyed working with him in the church. Lee as such a gentle man and was well respected.

**Ruth Long** - January 18, 2017 at 11:25 AM

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“ Carletta and Family, We are terribly saddened to learn of Lee's passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

**Dennis & Christine Hutchinson** - January 18, 2017 at 06:03 AM